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SUBJECT: INDIAN OCEAN

1. FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM STATE 118342, WHICH REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF AUSTRALIAN PM WHITLAM'S RECENT CALL ON PRESIDENT FORD, IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE: WHITLAM EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF A US AND SOVIET NAVAL BUILD-UP IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE US AND USSR CONFER. THE PRESIDENT SAID WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED WITH DIEGO GARCIA, WHICH WILL GIVE US A CAPABILITY OUR MILITARY PEOPLE SEE AS A NECESSARY BACKSTOP. IT IS NOT BECAUSE WE WANT ANY MAJOR INSTALLATION; IT WILL NOT BE A MAJOR FACILITY. SECRETARY KISSINGER SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT, AFTER WE HAVE THE PRINCIPLE OF THE DIEGO GARCIA INSTALLATION ESTABLISHED BY CONGRESS, WE WILL CONSIDER INDIAN OCEAN ARMS LIMITATION TALKS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT WE NEED SOMETHING TO BARGAIN WITH.

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WHITLAM SAID: "WE ALL WILL NOT BE HAPPY". UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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